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On 28 January a troop train composed of 28 boxcars and nine flatcars moved from Brandis to Gruenau [REDACTED] 25X1

Comment. Gruenau is the unloading station for Schoenefeld airfield. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a total of 1000 men wearing black-bordered crimson and red-25X1 bordered black epaulets were unloaded at this station on 24 and 28 January. Several other developments, noteworthy in this connection, were observed. An exercise involving 500 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with AA guns and tanks of the First Mechanized Army was started in the Brandis area on 13 January. This exercise was still in progress on 26 January. On 21 January, 25 high ranking air force officers arrived in Wuensdorf in a train coming from the direction of Dresden. From Wuensdorf, they proceeded by car in an easterly direction. On 29 January heavy two-way traffic was observed on the Dresden - Berlin Autobahn near Gross Jehser, southwest of Luebbenau. On the basis of these observations it is believed possible that an air transport exercise was started in late January involving soldiers of the First Guards Mechanized Army. Schoenefeld airfield was possibly used in the course of this exercise. Both Brandis and Schoenefeld airfields are occupied by air transport units of the 24th Air Army.

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